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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Chairman, National Intelligence Council *Hsk*

FROM : Hal Ford  
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SUBJECT : Draft Memorandum to Holders (dated 20 June 1983) of  
IIM 82-10002: Prospects for Anti-US Terrorism (of March  
1982)

1. Because of the important subject matter, we have been handling this Memorandum to Holders under the procedures applied to NIEs. The draft is therefore now being forwarded for your preliminary review. After coordination by the Representatives, we believe that it should be submitted to the NFIB. We plan to have the paper ready for NFIB by late July.

2. The drafter is [ ] The present text accommodates comments from officers in the DDI, the DDO, and the NIC. The chief points the M/H makes are:

- Except for the bombing of the US Embassy in Beirut, the number and lethality of terrorist attacks against Americans has declined significantly in 1982-1983, as compared with 1981.
- The hard-core terrorist groups (especially the Italian Red Brigades and the German Red Army Faction) have been fairly quiescent mainly because of vigorous counter-terrorist actions. New types of loosely organized terrorist groups have become more active, groups which appear to be more amateurish and low risk.

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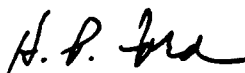
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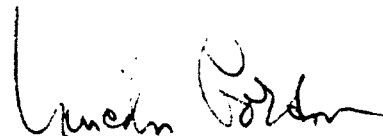
- The fact that terrorist attacks on Americans have gone down rather than up, as the previous IIM expected, is due principally to forceful and effective antiterrorist countermeasures. In addition, the intelligence community relied too heavily last year on a few reports which looked persuasive at the time but whose sources have since been deemed questionable.

3. Subject to your review, the M/H is now ready for distribution to the NFIB agency representatives.

4. We share the SRP's view of the importance of the questions of (a) the extent of coordination among terrorist groups, and (b) the degree of Soviet influence and manipulation. There is not more in the M/H on these questions because of the general paucity of evidence. We will nonetheless amend the M/H to give those questions more explicit treatment. We will also add a paragraph to the Key Judgments, as the SRP has recommended, on the evaluation of previous estimates.



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## Attachments:

1. Draft M/H
2. SRP comments thereon

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Director of Central Intelligence

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